

LEAD SHEET

TRUTH OR DARE : WEEK 4 ETHICS & MORALITY pt.2 JANUARY 29, 2017

THIS MONTH'S FAITH SKILL: DIALOGUE WITH GOD

If you want to know God better, talk to Him!

GETTING STARTED

General Discussion:

Last week we disguised some Biblical stories as ethical dilemmas and asked you to come up with an answer for each. Then we looked at the actual Scriptures and tried to figure out what the right thing to do was.

This week we're going to do something similar, but with a spin. Instead of Bible stories, we're going to throw out some real-life situations that you face each day (or may face someday) and try to make Biblical decisions for each.

DIGGING IN

Scenario # 1

You and a friend are planning to go out and see a movie on a Friday night. As you're getting ready to leave, another friend calls and asks what you're doing that night. You know that the friend you're talking to on the phone can sometimes be jealous when you go out with other people. The friend calling is not friends with the person you're going with, so inviting the person on the phone to tag along is not an option. You can either tell the friend on the phone the truth or you can make something up that will get you off the phone and off the hook for the night. What should you do: Tell the truth and hurt your friend's feelings, or tell a lie and have a fun night?

Discussion Questions:

1. Is it wrong to lie to someone if it means not hurting that person's feelings?
2. Is "the truth hurts" a true statement? Why/why not?

See: Leviticus 19:11; Colossians 3:9; Proverbs 6:16-19

Scenario #2

You turn on your television one night to find that you have started getting the premium cable package instead of basic cable. You're not sure why, because you don't pay for cable at all. What should you do, call the cable company and fess up or start popping popcorn and enjoy?

Discussion Questions:

1. Is the above situation an example of stealing?
2. If someone left a wallet in your car or house accidentally and never asked if you had it, is it wrong to never give it back? What's the difference with the above story?

See: Exodus 20:15; Luke 18:20; Ephesians 4:28

Scenario #3

A nuclear bomb is dropped on our country and it is taken over by a violent dictator who hates Christians. The armies of our new government march toward our city and arrive at night. Sitting at home, you and your family are drug from your home and into the street. A general points a gun at your family, looks right at you, and asks if you are a Christian. If you say yes, you will be spared, and your family will die. If you deny Christ, you will be killed, and your family will be spared. What should you do?

Discussion Questions:

1. Is denying Christ ever okay? What about to save people's lives?

2. Would your family want you to deny Christ in this case?

3. This may seem like an extreme example. What is an example of a more common “deny Christ or pay the price” scenario you face? Share examples.

See: Matthew 16:24; Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 14:26

MAKING IT REAL

Again, we could go on and on with scenarios that keep us guessing. The reality is, living the right way, in Truth, can be a hard thing to do. It means you have to stop and think. It means you have to know what God wants from you.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can you know God’s Will for your life? How can you know right from wrong?

2. What steps are you taking in your life so you can live in Truth?

3. Do you dare live without knowing right from wrong? What would be the implications of living that way? There’s a verse we need to all memorize together.

It’s Psalm 119:11. (Have someone look it up and read it. Then recite it as a group together.)

The only way you can know how to live is by studying the Scriptures. While they may not have specific instruction on every problem you face, it’s important that you shape the way you think through the lens of Scripture.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let’s pray and ask God that as we face choices between right and wrong each day that His Word will be in our hearts so we can choose wisely.